

BLACK & GRAY

Upsilon Xi Newsletter

Fall 1993 and Spring 1994

THE TALE OF THE TOWER

by Tony Byrd

It began as just another item on the agenda at a local business meeting. Today it stands on the threshold of becoming the focal point of Lee College's ever-expanding campus!

This "it" happens to be the now legendary Upsilon Clock Tower. You've heard of it. Long maligned by many as little more than a foolish pipedream destined to nosedive, crash and burn as a colossal failure, this four year vision of the Men and Women of Hickory is currently becoming reality. So, break open the champ-, uh, coke bottles, kiss your wives (or your husbands), turn up the music (the Gaithers or the Happy Goodman Family, of course), and give your dog a good pat on the head. Construction is underway; the Tower of Power is going up!

Needless to say, the excitement level is at a fever pitch. As most of you know, however, the road that we've travelled to this moment has provided quite a test. Witness this journey.

The Clock Tower voyage set sail late in the fall semester of 1989. I was privileged at that time to be serving Upsilon as president, and for several weeks the club had been discussing options for a new project. Something big, really BIG! We had no time for buffoonery, no time for the minor leagues (for example, perhaps, hypothetically speaking of course, a cheesy combination eternal flame/bird bath!)! NO! We had to be crafty, artistic, and innovative! We were on a mission!

Mr. Mitch Richardson is the gentleman who proposed the Clock Tower project, proving once and for all that one does not have to be a LOWMAN to be a genius! Anyway, the club discussed the pros and cons of such a venture, prayed about it, and decided to "just do it!"



Ah, those first several months were splendid times; it all seemed so simple then (excuse the melodrama). The original plan required a fundraising effort of approximately \$28,000.00, an amount that seemed like MUCHO DINERO at the time. Led by the able leadership of Mr. Bill George, the club set out to attain this goal via two major routes: (1) each member pledge to personally raise \$350 each, and (2) the present membership would set out on an aggressive campaign to solicit contributions from the "family" as a whole, from the sizeable Upsilon Alumni membership list. The stakes were high, but so was the energy, and we began raising money like gangbusters! We were the proverbial "BATS OUT OF H-, HICKORY!". Then came the depression. Well, it wasn't actually a depression, but neither can it be described as a few "OFF DAYS"! After the immediate success came a time (a few years, actually) of struggle. The euphoria died, the energy level diminished, the cash flow slowed to a cash trickle, and it seemed as if every second the cost of this glorious edifice swelled by a few million dollars (well, you get the picture). On top of it all, there was the wonderful "edification" and "encouragement"

we constantly received from most everyone who did not wear the black and gray. One group of crazy pranksters, which shall remain nameless (and forever in our shadow), produced t-shirts that read, "Hickory, dickory, dock! Where in the world is the clock?" Those madcap zanies - just too clever for us! They're always good for a chuckle. Oh, speaking of a good laugh, have you seen THEIR "building" project?

Anyway, the men and women of Upsilon refused to fold, and because of the stalwart leadership of presidents Scott Sheppard, Jody Smith, Tony Colson, Mike Harden, and Kevin McGlamery; the energetic "push" of sponsors Bill Winters and Eddie Brown; and of course the endless dedication, hard work, and "giving until it hurts" of so many brothers and sisters, past and present, we now can see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Brothers and sisters, almost \$80,000 later, we have finally scaled the mountain! We're talking the winner's circle, paydirt, utopia, Canaan, Happy Valley, that sweet, sweet land of Beulah!

Before I lose total control, however, let me briefly say how proud I am to be a Upsilon man! We caught the vision, refused to let go in spite of great odds, and soon that hulking timepiece will reach skyward! There are many reasons, of course, but two stand out. First, Upsilon men and women have great character, and "quit" is a four-letter word never uttered in our family. Second, and most important, we do ALL to the glory of God, and friends, He honors that!

In closing, let me simply add one more sentiment that should sum it all up: HICKORY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Upsilon names ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR!



Our choice for the 1993 Upsilon Alumnus of the year is not only a worthy Upsilon alumnus, he is vitally concerned about Lee College as a Lee alumnus as well. Lately, his concern and support for the construction of the clocktower has been very crucial to the much longed-for beginning of the construction of this project that has become meaningful and important to us as Upsilon men and women.

Our alumnus of the year received a B.S. in History from Lee College, and a degree in Life Insurance Marketing from S.W. Louisiana. He holds the CLU and ChFC from American College.

He owns his own successful insurance business here in Cleveland.

His membership in business and civic groups includes the Chamber of Commerce,

the United Way, Bradley Hospital Healthcare Foundation, Sertoma Club, Society of CLU and ChFC, Cleveland Life Underwriter's Association, and the Cleveland Country Club.

In recognition of his achievement in insurance, his peers in Cleveland awarded him with the prestigious William E. Turner Award. He has received at least 30 other special awards of distinction in the field of insurance, too numerous to mention.

As a concerned citizen who cares for the youth of the community, he has coached little league baseball and basketball for thirteen years.

A faithful supporter and member of the North Cleveland Church of God, you will always find him in church close to the front row every Sunday. He is a board member of the North Cleveland Towers, and served as president of the Discovery Sunday School class for 7 years, relinquishing that office last year.

He is married to Sandy Carpenter (19 1/2 years) and they have a son, eleven year old, Michael.

A great supporter of the Flames and a tenacious defender of Upsilon Xi, it is a pleasure to give to you our 1993 Alumnus of the Year, the owner of Humble and Associates, right here in Cleveland . . .

Nicholas W. "Nick" Humble.

From the President . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the clocktower project. Whether your support has been through prayer, through finances, or both, please know it is appreciated. This project is finally coming to a completion. At the present time, the final part of the four columns' construction consists of installing the connecting platform for the columns and placement of the clocks and copulas. The day of dedication will be April 15, 1994. I, as president, cordially invite and encourage all of you to attend the ceremony honoring this memorable occasion.

I would like to share about some of the events that have taken place this school year. This year we have tapped 26 new members. This spring semester we brought in the largest group of new members in club history. The total number of brothers was 19. Club unity and participation is stronger than ever. We are truly experiencing what God can do through Upsilon.

We again held Sadie Hawkins in the fall semester. We unfortunately had to postpone Sadies twice. The rainy weather caused the first postponement. The second was due to the Ellis Hall fire. Once again this event for the campus was a huge success.

Service projects remain a vital part of Upsilon's existence. We continued our canned food drive with Delta Zeta Tau at Thanksgiving. We then distributed the food and turkeys to families in need. We also aided a lady during one of our meetings who had come in from off the street and asked for our help by providing her with money to visit her mother who was hospitalized. These ministries to others not only assisted the people

we targeted to serve but they resulted in blessings and ministry to the needs of our club as well.

In closing, our club motto is, "Be ready to assist any other brother who has a need." You do not only

but I, like anyone else, can see this in our current club as well. There is a genuine focus on ministry to the needs of others among us now, and I say thank you for the tradition you have carried on and will leave behind for future members. As president, along with the current membership, I know we can all say together, "It's a great time to be a Upsilon Man."

In His Service,

Kevin McGlamery

UPSILON GIVES FAMILIES REASON TO BE THANKFUL

Phil Harris

This fall, the men of Upsilon Xi, along with the ladies of Delta Zeta Tau, held their annual food drive to supply needy families food for Thanksgiving dinner. For the second consecutive year, the club worked with coach Larry Carpenter and the Lee College Flames. Students and people of the community brought food to the basketball game on November 20, and the clubs distributed the food to families which were suggested by Rev. Alvin Messer through his ministry at Crowder Chapel. God blessed these efforts and ten families were able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with their families all because of the service of Upsilon Xi.

BLOCK PARTY By Eric Diggs

Prior to the Upsilon block party, there was no initial activity that took place to welcome back old students and welcome in new students. This is the main reason for the block party: to bring together a time of fellowship, entertainment, and enjoyment. Since 1988, Upsilon's block party has grown to be a ritual part of the beginning of each school year. Each year has provided multiples of talent ranging from soloists, instrumentalists and comedians to special guests.

Tuesday, August 24th provided a warm evening and once again the stage was set for another successful gathering on the pedestrian mall. The evening was kicked off with the welcoming from our president, Kevin McGlamery, followed by a host of entertainment. Both Eric Diggs and Kevin McGlamery led the night through a variety of contest games. Some of the games included a rap contest, push-up contest, and a weirdest talent contest.

This year's block party was again an annual success on the Lee College campus for the men and women of Upsilon Xi.

CLOCK TOWER DEDICATION

LEE DAY 1994
APRIL 15 AT 10:00pm
LEE COLLEGE
PEDESTRIAN MALL
HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!!!!!!

Fall 1993 Taps

In the Fall of 1993, Upsilon Xi tapped a unique variety of excellent young men from the Lee College campus as well as three outstanding young ladies. The New Little Sisters are Ms. Susan Allen an English major from Cary, NC. Ms. Allen is currently engaged to a brother, Mr. Jason Hendren. They plan to be married in the summer of 1994. Also, we tapped Ms. Kristy Murray an Elementary Education major from Alabama and Ms. Holly Brewton from Dalton, GA.

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The New Membership includes: Chad Hooper from Brandon, FL (Secondary Education), Eric Deaton from West Monroe, LA (Communications), Richard Jackson from Hardeeville, SC (Christian Ed and Communications), Reese Barnette from Fayetteville, GA (Business Administration), Chris Klicko from Atlanta, GA (General Education), Michael "Bubba" Livingston from Maryland (Music Education), and Lance Turner from Gainesville, GA (Physical Education). As you can see, Upsilon still believes in welcoming its members with variety and excellence.

Spring 1994 Taps

In the Spring of 1994, change seemed to be the word on campus. It seemed like everything we wanted to do, we wanted to do it bigger and better. Despite the administration tightening down on Induction Procedures, Upsilon once again made a statement and set a precedence on the college campus. This semester we tapped 19 new members into our club. Some say "Are you crazy?" we say, "No, just showing that we can make the best out of any situation." We tapped one new Little Sister. From West Monroe, Louisiana, Upsilon is privileged to have Ms. Sarah Akiona, a Psychology major.

GRAY

The new membership includes: Michael Smith from Zebulon, GA (Business Administration), Scott Varner from Marietta, GA (Physical Education), Brian Hubbard from Pike County, GA (General Education), Philip Hamrick from Athens, GA (Business Administration), Byron Wilkes from Kenton, TN (Music Education), Chad Buckner from Cleveland, TN (Fitness & Wellness), Michael Trent from Madisonville, KY (Pastoral Studies), Rin "Bam-Bam" Smithson from Nashville, TN (Accounting), Gene Batten from Wilmington, NC (Pre-Med), Lenny Gallison from Madisonville, KY (Christian Ed/Psychology), Monty McClure from Marietta, GA (Physical Education), Scott Price from Phoenix, AZ (Christian Ed/Psychology), Matt Rogers from Buford, GA (Psychology/Human Development), Chad Hall from Pulaski, VA (History), Tony Copley from Weston, WV (Math Education), Jeremy Holt from Brookport, IL (Human Development), Scot Holman from Atlanta, GA (Pre-Med), Blair McCullough from Atlanta, GA (Psychology), and Clay Kile from Albany, GA (Biology). THE END! The campus is growing in leaps and bounds so must we grow in change. And once again Upsilon was the talk of the campus.

To Be A Upsilon Little Sister

To be a Upsilon little sister is . . .
to be tapped and be so excited that you can barely walk
to hear about 45 men whistle at you when you enter a room
to watch guys play softball even at 2 o'clock in the morning
to have your car washed and waxed by a guy that insists on
receiving nothing in return
to be told you are pretty even when you don't have makeup on
to know that you are part of a great brotherhood
to share your burdens with brothers in Christ and know they
will pray for you
to receive notes of encouragement in your mailbox
to know that you have friends for life.
I love you.
Holly Bruton

Upsilon Helps a Woman And God Rewards Powerfully

by Ken Schauer

It seemed like just another Tuesday night Upsilon meeting. A devotion, the usual business to take care of, with minds on studying for the next day's tests. Little did we know that on this evening in November, the Holy Spirit was planning on a bit more than the usual. As the meeting was coming to its end, the club was presented with the opportunity to act on what being a Upsilon man is all about. A woman was on her way to Nashville to be with her mother in the hospital, but was out of gas and out of money. Somehow she came into contact with a Upsilon alumnus who told her that we may be able to help. Upon being presented with this woman's need, the men of Upsilon put together the money we had in our immediate possession and were able to accumulate an amount near fifty dollars.

The club came together and was able to pray with this woman and show her the love of Christ that was present in us. With the opportunity to give of ourselves, the Lord chose to bless us with the visitation of His presence. For the next hour, the Holy Spirit did his work in that meeting room touching the hurts and needs of the men of Upsilon. In being able to supply for a woman in need, God allowed us to experience his presence in order to touch some of the spiritual needs of this club.

Chaplain's Choice

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 (K.J.V.)

These words of comfort at the mouth of Jeremiah the prophet to the Israelites were nothing less than phenomenal, at a period in their history when they felt that God had completely forgotten them. God had a perfect plan for His people then, and so it is now. God has specific plans for the individual who will submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I certainly believe that both alumni of Upsilon Xi and present members will agree with me that Upsilon has been graced by the blessings of the Lord!

As chaplain, I express my excitement at what God has been doing in and through the men of black and grey... On and off campus, God has challenged every member to cultivate the virtues of a true Upsilon man. This most certainly places the issue of spiritual priority and consecration to God at the very top! We see physical manifestations of Upsilon Xi on campus through the erection of the Clock Tower and give God glory. At the same time, we are also witnessing spiritual manifestations within the club. Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer has set Upsilon Xi on a new course. We call it "an expected end" that God has promised us. It's an exciting time to be a part of Upsilon! It has been through the labor and dedication of Alumni, who blazed the trail for the present membership, that we continue to hold to our standard of excellence. In our daily lives we will continue to "do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31 (K.J.V.)

In Christ,

Gilbert
Medina

President's Test

- 1) Who was the first married man to be tapped by Upsilon Xi?
- 2) What was Upsilon's first service project for the campus?
- 3) What year was the Upsilon Clocktower completed?

From your Alumni Coordinator...

Jim
Moore

This is an exciting time to be a part of Upsilon Xi. So many things are happening and history is being made, that it is amazing and an honor to be a part of such an organization. As Alumni Coordinator I find real joy in working with the former brotherhood. I enjoy the stories I get to hear and the value of friendship that I get to make.

Service is the key. Upsilon has found that key. We have found that it opens almost every door before us. This year alone, service projects and ministerial opportunities have been a "hot topic" for the members. God has truly blessed Upsilon and the only way we feel we can accept that is to give it away. Praise be to God!

Alumni, I call on you to do this one thing, write me and let me know how God is blessing you in your life and your family's life. We are genuinely and sincerely concerned. If you have a prayer request drop us a line and I will be glad to share it with the club. If you have a praise do the same. If you just want to say hi, please do.

As Alumni Coordinator my job is to serve you and that is what I'm dedicated to do!

TONY L COLSON RECEIVES THE F. J. LEE AWARD



Tony Colson was awarded the F. J. Lee Award during Honor's Chapel in Spring of 1993. The F. J. Lee Award is named for the second president and namesake of the college. It is bestowed by a vote of the faculty upon the student considered to be the most outstanding Lee College student. During his academic career Colson has strongly impacted the campus. He has been involved with the Student Government Association, and served as the President in 1991-1992 as well as Secretary/Treasurer in the 1990-1991 school year. Colson has been a member of the Ministerial Association, Epsilon Lambda Phi as a Big Brother, Pi Delta Omicron religion honor society and Alpha Chi, the national honor society. Colson also served as President of Upsilon Xi in the Fall of 1993 and was chosen for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

SADIE HAWKINS 1994 by Eddie Pearson, 1994 Secretary

The Upsilon tradition of Sadie Hawkins day that begun on September 29, 1962 is still very much alive and well on the Lee college campus. Usually, when you think of Sadie's, you picture a romantic evening around a blazing campfire with someone you care deeply about (at least for the night), but this year it was different. A new issue to Sadies arose, of course not new to Cleveland.....RAIN!!! It was first time in recorded history that this event was rained out in thirty years. Our spirits, however, were not dampened by this minor inconvenience. After Gilbert Medina (our Chaplain) offered up much prayer for many days and nights, Sadie Hawkins became a reality on Friday November 19, 1993.

As usual the program was excellent (but of course it was an Upsilon event). This year our historians, Tim Moore and Eric Diggs, took to the stage as the M.C.'s along with improv help from President Kevin McGlamery. Eric was welcomed with much laughter as he showed up in a wig and make-up as Chante. New items on the program included large screen with video selections and as always the little sisters did an outstanding job performing with a slide show in the background. Anthony Owens deserves a standing ovation for an outstanding job as Sadie's director this past semester. He along with a committee worked many long hours and days to assure this event was a tremendous success. Even with the rain Sadie's continues to be the largest attended event sponsored by a social service club on Lee's campus.

Upsilon Xi Ministry Team

The men of Upsilon would like to inform you of our ministry group. We have available some of the hottest young evangelists on the Lee College campus. Available ministers include: Gil Medina, Tim Moore, and Lawton Smith.

We also have some of the most anointed musicians in gospel music today. They include: Shane Stephens of Second Edition, Javen Campbell of New Harvest and Friends, and many more.

If you are interested in having the ministry come to your church please contact us through the Campus Ministries department at Lee College (615)-478-7369.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES
RETREATS AND YOUTH RALLIES

WHO'S WHERE?

William Martin '73 and Linda Selvage Martin '73 are living in Richmond, VA. William (Bill) is an Associate Pastor at West End Assembly of God in Richmond, while Linda, a former Sweetheart for Upsilon, is a sales director for Mary Kay and also an Assistant Editor for a local newspaper. Bill and Linda have a daughter, Joni Martin, who is a sophomore attending Lee College.

Donald Ray Chavis '93 is currently serving as a Youth Pastor in Mississippi and is also teaching there in a Christian school.

C. Robert Sheppard is currently serving as the Campus Pastor at Lee College. Pastor Sheppard's

job involves a variety of tasks, anywhere from pre-marital counseling to organizing out-of-country trips for students. Pastor Sheppard is married to Mrs. Gail Sheppard and have two sons, Scott and Greg who are in Upsilon.

*Upsilon... Still Loading the
Tradition of the Best Looking
Ladies on Campus!*

DETACH AND RETURN

Yes, I am planning to attend the dedication of the Clocktower on April 15, 1994.

I will have ___ guest(s) traveling with me that week-end.

Yes, I feel that I have contributed / raised \$350.00 or more for the building of the Clocktower.

For more information please contact Mr. Bill Winters at (615)-478-7475

A Special Thanks . . .

*The men of Upsilon Xi would like to take this opportunity to express its deepest gratitude to all of you who supported and believed in the Clock Tower project. A very special thanks goes out to Keith Jeffords and his mother Mrs. Jeffords. Keith is a Past President and Alumnus of Upsilon Xi. We wish we could thank all of you verbally and individually, but because the support was so great, we just have to tell you how much we appreciate and love you, in writing. God Bless a n d T h a n k Y o u ! !
Men of Black and Gray
I Corinthians 10:31*

ANSWERS TO PRESIDENT'S TEST: 1) Ben McGlamery 2) Painting the old Walker porch 3) 1994, AMEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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